



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2011**

L. Radke
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

ARTICLE 1: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICES

<p align="center">TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not For Three Years more than two (2)</p> <p>BILL DERMODY 2651 ●</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER BANDAZIAN ●</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2740 ○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in) ○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TOWN CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not For Three Years more than one (1)</p> <p>LORI RADKE 2634 ●</p> <p>DIANE O'NEIL 1089 ○</p> <p style="text-align: right;">○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not For Three Years more than one (1)</p> <p>KEN HAWKINS 3162 ●</p> <p style="text-align: right;">○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not For One Year more than one (1)</p> <p>MAX DARBOUZE 924 ○</p> <p>JASON J. CARRIER 2402 ●</p> <p style="text-align: right;">○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not For Three Years more than one (1)</p> <p>TONY FRÉDERICK 3147 ●</p> <p style="text-align: right;">○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not For Five Years more than one (1)</p> <p>ELLEN BOSTWICK 3156 ●</p> <p style="text-align: right;">○</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">(Write-in)</p>

ARTICLE 2: ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-4-4(a)(1)(a) by adding the words in bold as follows:

The lot was a legal lot of record and duly recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds prior to the adoption of the original Zoning Ordinance on December 19, 1953 **or the lot was otherwise legally created after December 19, 1953.**

[This amendment is intended to allow lots that were legally created after the adoption of zoning on December 19, 1953 to be built on provided they meet today's setback and other development criteria and the lot had sufficient lot area and frontage at the time it was established.]

3341
YES ●
NO ○
478

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 45-4-4(a)(2) Nonconforming Lots by adding the words in bold as follows:

If two (2) or more lots of record are contiguous and in single ownership on or after the effective date of this Ordinance (March 13, 1991) and if any of said lots are vacant and do not comply with the dimensional requirements of frontage and area, then those lots shall be considered to be an undivided parcel for the purposes of this Ordinance. This provision shall not apply to lots in a subdivision approved by the Planning Board **or to lots otherwise legally created after December 19, 1953. The provisions of this section shall not apply to nonconforming lots acquired by a person or entity on or after September 18, 2010. Any lots that were merged between March 13, 1991 and September 17, 2010 pursuant to this provision may be restored back to their original state with approval by the Planning Board, so long as they conform with Article 45-4-4(a)(1).**

[This amendment is intended to make the Town compliant with a recent State law change that took effect on September 18, 2010 and to allow vacant nonconforming lots held in common ownership to be developed provided other all other requirements are met for use of a nonconforming lot without a variance.]

3225
YES ●
NO ○
569

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD CONTINUED

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance to accept the recodification of the entire Bedford Zoning Ordinance which includes renumbering, reorganization and minor amendments for clarity, but with no substantive changes.

3352

YES

[This amendment is intended to make the zoning ordinance conform with all of the other town ordinances in terms of appearance and usability while making no substantive changes.]

NO

397

ARTICLE 3 - ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR ROADS & RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed thirteen million two hundred thousand dollars (\$13,200,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of town roads and other related infrastructure, such amount to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33. In addition, authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto.
(This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)

Explanation: *The issuance of this long-term debt will address the urgently needed Town road reconstruction and rehabilitation program and of equally urgent need, repairs to several town buildings. The funds are necessary in order to continue the Town roads program, including engineering, inspection and repair of other Town infrastructure which includes bridges, culverts, drainage and town owned buildings. Several factors are considered in regards to how we best structure the issuance(s) to maximize the benefit of bonding for these projects. Factors include bond issue costs, market interest rates, construction timetables and economies of scale, which could be realized from combining projects. It is the intent of the Town Council to consider these and other factors as well as assessing the impact on the tax rate to yield the greatest benefit to the community as we remedy the infrastructure needs of Bedford.*

2706

YES

NO

1203

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 4 - ISSUANCE OF LONG TERM DEBT FOR SOUTH RIVER ROAD TIF DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements within the District, including the widening of certain areas of Route 3, such amount to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33 and RSA 162-K:8. In addition, authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto.
(This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote)

Explanation: *The issuance of this long-term debt will provide funding to be used for infrastructure improvements within the District including, but not limited to, the widening of Route 3, repaving and sidewalk enhancement, traffic lighting, signage, etc. These improvements are proposed to improve the safety, economic development, investment and revitalization rate and public welfare for this area. The public will benefit from improved traffic circulation and safety, growth in the property tax base and economic opportunities provided by the District. The incremental tax revenues generated by the District will be used to pay this debt. It is the intent of the Town to only issue debt when the District has demonstrated the ability to be self-sustaining such that all debt service and expenses of the District are paid without any supplement from the general tax base.*

2925

YES

NO

993

THE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF THIS ARTICLE.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING